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FOR AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: COLOMBO NON-ALIGNED SUMMIT: LETTER FROM THE  
SECRETARY

1. PLEASE DELIVER THE FOLLOWING LETTER TO PRESIDENT  
NYERERE FROM THE SECRETARY (NO SIGNED ORIGINAL WILL BE  
SENT): QUOTE DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: I APPRECIATE YOUR CORDIAL  
WELCOME TO GOVERNOR SCRANTON AND ASSISTANT SECRETARY  
SCHAUFLE. THEY BOTH FELT THE DISCUSSIONS WITH YOU AND  
MEMBERS OF YOUR GOVERNMENT WERE MOST USEFUL AND SERVED TO  
STRENGTHEN THE DEVELOPING RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN US, AS WELL  
AS TO CONTINUE THE PROCESS OF AN EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON  
SOUTHERN AFRICAN AND MULTILATERAL ISSUES SO THAT WE MAY  
EACH BETTER UNDERSTAND THE OTHER'S POSITION.

2. GOVERNOR SCRANTON DISCUSSED WITH YOU SEVERAL ISSUES OF  
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IMPORTANCE TO THE UNITED STATES WHICH ARE LIKELY TO COME

UP IN INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS PRIOR TO THE UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND AT THE ASSEMBLY ITSELF. AS THE QUESTIONS OF PUERTO RICO AND KOREA ARE OF PARTICULAR CONCERN TO US, I WANT TO REINFORCE WHAT GOVERNOR SCRANTON SAID.

3. ON PUERTO RICO, OUR POLICY IS BASED ON COMPLETE ACCEPTANCE OF PUERTO RICO'S RIGHT TO SELF-DETERMINATION. THE PEOPLE OF PUERTO RICO APPROVED THEIR CONSTITUTION AND COMMONWEALTH STATUS IN 1952 AND REAFFIRMED THAT CHOICE IN A 1967 REFERENDUM. THE UNITED NATIONS RECOGNIZED PUERTO RICO AS A SELF-GOVERNING TERRITORY IN 1953. WE ASSURED THE UNITED NATIONS AT THAT TIME THAT, IF THE PUERTO RICAN LEGISLATURE SHOULD ADOPT A RESOLUTION IN FAVOR OF INDEPENDENCE AT ANY TIME IN THE FUTURE, THE PRESIDENT WOULD RECOMMEND TO THE CONGRESS THAT INDEPENDENCE BE GRANTED.

4. IN VIEW OF THE FACTUAL SITUATION, WE STRONGLY BELIEVE THAT THE DISCUSSION OF PUERTO RICO'S STATUS BY AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OR ASSEMBLY WOULD BE AN UNWARRANTED INTRUSION INTO THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF THE UNITED STATES AND PUERTO RICO. THE UNITED STATES CAME INTO POSSESSION OF VARIOUS NON-SELF-GOVERNING TERRITORIES AT THE BEGINNING OF THIS CENTURY, AND EACH HAS BEEN ABLE TO CHOOSE THE COURSE IT WISHED TO FOLLOW. THE PHILIPPINES CHOSE INDEPENDENCE, WHICH WAS GRANTED IN 1947; HAWAII CHOSE STATEHOOD; AND PUERTO RICO CHOSE A SPECIAL COMMONWEALTH RELATIONSHIP WITH THE U.S. WHICH CONTINUES TO EVOLVE. SO LONG AS THE PEOPLE OF PUERTO RICO WISH TO CONTINUE THIS RELATIONSHIP WITH THE UNITED STATES, ANY DISCUSSION OF IT IN INTERNATIONAL FORUMS CAN ONLY BE OFFENSIVE TO US AND TO THE PEOPLE OF PUERTO RICO. PRESIDENT FORD MADE THIS POINT WITH PARTICULAR EMPHASIS WHEN HE VISITED PUERTO RICO IN JUNE AND SAID THAT THOSE WHO MIGHT BE INCLINED TO INTERVENE IN OUR FREELY DETERMINED RELATIONS SHOULD KNOW THAT SUCH AN ACT WOULD BE CONSIDERED INTERVENTION IN THE DOMESTIC AFFAIRS OF PUERTO RICO AND THE UNITED STATES; THAT IT WOULD BE AN UNFRIENDLY ACT WHICH WOULD BE RESISTED BY APPROPRIATE MEANS.

5. IN VIEW OF THE INFLUENCE OF TANZANIA IN THE UNITED  
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NATIONS COMMITTEE OF 24 AND THE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT, YOU ARE IN A UNIQUE POSITION TO PREVENT EXPLOITATION OF THE QUESTION OF PUERTO RICO BY THOSE GROUPS. I AM SURE THAT YOU WILL UNDERSTAND OUR FEELINGS IN THIS MATTER AND I HOPE YOU WILL ACTIVELY SUPPORT EFFORTS TO PREVENT THIS DOMESTIC MATTER FROM BECOMING AN INTERNATIONAL ISSUE.

6. WITH REGARD TO KOREA, WE DO NOT, AND WE BELIEVE MOST

UN MEMBERS DO NOT, WISH TO SEE THE KOREAN ISSUE AGAIN  
BECOME A WASTEFUL CONTROVERSY DIVERTING THE ENERGIES OF THE  
UNGA. HOWEVER, IF IMPORTANT GROUPS WITHIN THE UN MEMBER-  
SHIP ACCEDE TO PRESSURES TO ENDORSE THE NORTH KOREAN  
POSITION--SUCH AS ABOLISHING THE UNITED NATIONS COMMAND

WITHOUT FIRST INSURING CONTINUITY IN THE ARMISTICE AND  
THE MILITARY BALANCE--THEN IT IS ALMOST INEVITABLE THAT WE  
WILL BE FACED WITH A CHALLENGE IN THE UNGA TO WHICH WE WILL  
BE OBLIGED TO RESPOND ENERGETICALLY. I BELIEVE THE OB-  
JECTIVES OF PEACE AND STABILITY IN THAT AREA WOULD BE  
ADVANCED BY STATESMEN ADVOCATING THE ADOPTION OF A CON-  
CILIATORY POSTURE BY THE PARTIES DIRECTLY CONCERNED AND  
THE RESUMPTION OF THE DIALOGUE TO WHICH THE KOREAN PARTIES  
AGREED IN 1972. I HOPE TO BE ADDRESSING THIS SUBJECT  
MYSELF IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

7. SINCE THERE IS WITHIN THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE UN AND THE  
NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT A WIDE RANGE OF VIEWS ON PUERTO RICO  
AND KOREA, I WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR ASSISTANCE IN  
PREVENTING CONTENTIOUS POSITIONS FROM EMERGING ON EITHER  
ISSUE AT THESE COMING MEETINGS, IN THE FIRST CASE BY  
AVOIDANCE OF THE ISSUE ALTOGETHER AND IN THE SECOND, BY  
THE ADVOCACY OF A CONSTRUCTIVE POSITION WHICH CAN BE THE  
BASIS FOR CONCILIATION.

8. I HAVE FOUND OUR EXCHANGE OF VIEWS MOST HELPFUL AND I  
TRUST THAT THEY WILL CONTINUE TO BE SO. ONCE AGAIN MY  
THANKS FOR YOUR RECEPTION OF MESSRS. SCRANTON AND  
SCHAUFEE. RESPECTFULLY, HENRY A. KISSINGER. UNQUOTE.

9. DEPARTMENT WISHES TO TREAT FOREGOING AS PRIVILEGED,  
PRIVATE CORRESPONDENCE BETWEEN SECRETARY AND RECIPIENT.  
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IF ISSUE IS RAISED.

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